

REMARKS

It is requested that the provisional obviousness type double patenting rejection of claims 1-12 and 14-17 over claims 1-12 of copending application 09/490,704 or upon 09/877,621 in view of either the Handbook of Adhesives or Weirauch be held in abeyance until allowable subject matter is identified. At that time, applicants will consider an appropriate terminal disclaimer.

Claims 1-12 and 14-17 stand provisionally rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over copending application 09/490,709 or 09/877,621 each taken individually or in view of either the Handbook of Adhesives or Weirauch.

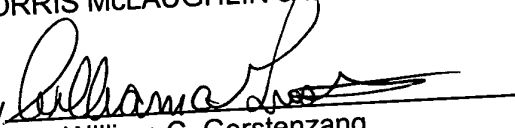
However, the present application is entitled to a priority date of December 2, 1999; which anticipates the filing dates of the '709 and '621 applications.

Accordingly, said copending applications are not available as a reference, and this rejection should be withdrawn.

Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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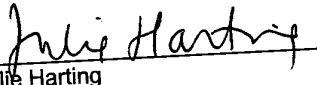
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